

January 29, 2009

Dear State Director:

You are invited to compete for a 2009 Team Nutrition (TN) Training Grant. TN Training Grants are one of the anchor delivery systems for supporting the implementation of the Department of Agriculture's (USDA) nutrition requirements and the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans* in Food and Nutrition Service's child nutrition programs.

Please note that this year's Request for Applications (RFA) recommend incorporating USDA Foods to meet the Dietary Guidelines in meals program.

Up to \$5 million is anticipated in Fiscal Year 2009 for TN Training Grants, contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. The funding period will be from September 30, 2009, through September 30, 2011. The maximum amount of funding awarded to an individual State will be \$350,000.

State agencies (SA) that administer the National School Lunch Program and/or the Child and Adult Care Food Program are eligible to apply for a TN Training Grant. Each State may submit only one application on behalf of all interested Child Nutrition State agencies within that State.

Critical Dates for the 2009 TNT Grants

March 2, 2009	Intent to Submit an Application is due to FNS
April 13, 2009	Applications are due to FNS by 5:00 pm EDT
September 2009	TN Training Grants will be awarded

If there are any questions regarding the TN Training Grant RFA, please contact Leslie Byrd, Grants Officer at the Grants Management Division via email at leslie.byrd@fns.usda.gov

Sincerely,

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